

in the rural areas on home companies like ConAgra Feeds are dying? If ConAgra is a vulture, are we to view our rural areas as carrion? Is that what we think of them? This bill should go to that committee and that committee, of which I am a member, will give it a very fair and impartial consideration. We will analyze it, we will discuss it, we will argue about it and we will determine what is the best thing to be done with that bill. I have my suggestions and my ideas, but from what I've seen today and the past few days, my ideas don't really carry that much weight around here except to make the Legislature violate its rules. But I gave a handout to you all earlier which if you'd glance at would show you the validity of the motion I'm making about returning this bill to some committee so that the Legislature can think. The corporations are thinking. In this handout there is an article, the headline of which says, "Peoples Executive: Omaha Move Doesn't Hinge On Okay Of Tax Bill." Peoples Natural Gas told you all on May 13, that is the date of this World-Herald article, that this tax bill, 775, is not the basis for what it is going to do as far as moving to Omaha. The second item is dated the next day but it is from the Lincoln Journal, 5-14-1987, and that is where it says in the headline, "ConAgra: Amendment Ensures Our Departure" and the amendment they are talking about is the one that Senator Conway attached to the bill. So, ConAgra said they were going to leave. The Governor got busy. Senators got afraid and the bludgeoning started and the Legislature began to show great fear. So Peoples Natural Gas said, well, if the apples are out there to be picked, why should I come there without getting something? So what did Peoples Natural Gas say about six inches from where that first item was that I mentioned to you? This is the headline on a paper dated May 16 from the Omaha World-Herald. "Peoples Gas Plans To Wait And See On Tax Proposal." Now they have caught on to the lesson that ConAgra was teaching. You make threats and you force the Legislature to do what you want them to do. In the first article dealing with Peoples Natural Gas, they said 775 was not a part of their equation. After seeing ConAgra bully the Legislature in taking off the Conway amendment, Peoples Natural Gas said, ah ha, we're going to wait and see what happens, adding additional pressure. Then ConAgra, which you all love so much and worship so much, has a headline in the World-Herald dated May 20, 1987, and the headline says, "ConAgra 'Appreciates' Shift, Makes No Vows." And what does this text say? "ConAgra Incorporated of Omaha said Wednesday it appreciated the Legislature's decision to remove a controversial amendment from Governor Orr's employment and investment growth bill. However, the corporation declined